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SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF OFFICERS CLUB, RHINE/MAIN AIR FORCE BASE

REF : FRANKFURT 8779

SUMMARY: "REVOLUTIONAERE ZELLE", SAME GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ABRAMS BUILDING INCIDENT, CLAIM THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RHINE/MAIN INCIDENT. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. END SUMMARY.

1. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES UNDER U.S. MILITARY CONTROL ASSISTED BY FRG AND HESSIAN STATE TECHNICIANS.

2. DPA, AP AND UPI FRANKFURT RECEIVED COPIES OF PRINTED STATEMENT IN WHICH THE REVOLUTIONARERE ZELLEN (RZ) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING OF RHINE/MAIN OFFICERS CLUB. STATEMENT WAS POSTMARKED BY MAINZ
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POST OFFICE AT 1800 HOURS, APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS

AFTER INITIAL EXPLOSION AND SUBSEQUENT TO MANY
DESCRIPTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INCIDENT ON BOTH
GERMAN AND U.S. MILITARY (AFN) BROADCAST MEDIA.
RZ IS SAME ORGANIZATION WHICH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR BOMBING INCIDENT AT ABRAMS COMPLEX IN FRANKFURT
ON JUNE 1, 1976.

3. ALTHOUGH NO HARD EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND
THUS FAR, SOME ARE ADVANCING THEORY DUE FOLLOWING
APPARENT SIMILARITIES BETWEEN RHINE/MAIN AND ABRAMS
COMPLEX INCIDENTS POINT TOWARD TERRORIST CONNECTION
WITH BOTH:

A. ABRAMS COMPLEX BOMBING OCCURRED AT 1320 HOURS.
RHINE/MAIN INCIDENT BEGAN AT 1310 HOURS.

B. ABRAMS BOMBING PERPETRATED JUNE 1. RHINE/MAIN
INCIDENT BEGAN DECEMBER 1.

C. SAME GROUP ALLEGES RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH.

4. SOME TECHNICIANS ADVANCE THEORY THAT FIRE MAY
HAVE RESULTED FROM EXPLOSION OF METHANE GAS WHICH
MAY HAVE BEEN COLLECTING IN POCKET UNDER FLOOR
SLAB OF CLUB. TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED TOWARD
THIS END. LEHMANN

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